



**Model Estimated Bigeye Catch as of 31-Dec-07 433 mt**

**Model Estimated Remaining Catch 67 mt**

This model projection of the current catch of bigeye tuna by the U.S. longline fleet in the IATTC Convention Area is based on fish weights landed from the most recent trips to the area and on recent data (or assumptions) about the number of vessels currently fishing in the area. Experience has shown that the time required to catch several hundred additional tons of bigeye tuna in the IATTC Convention Area may range from days to months, depending on unpredictable vessel activity, catch per unit effort, and fish weights from the area. No measure of reliability is provided for the projections made here.

There is another, very different report of IATTC Convention Area bigeye tuna landings made to satisfy regulatory requirements for data submission to IATTC. A monthly summary of landings from the Convention Area is provided to IATTC which summarizes data from Hawaii logbook reports received through the end of each month, converted to weight, plus data on the weight of longline catches landed on the west coast. The monthly data reports do not include unknown catches by vessels still at sea, and may be substantially different from model projections.